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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 15 are in the application. No change is made to the number of independent claims nor to the total number of claims.

The Office Action set a three month period for filing a response. As the present response is filed within the three month period, i.e., on or before March 9, 2004, it is believed that no fees are due for the filing of this response.

Section 112 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant notes that the Examiner did not intend to reject claim 8, as the objected phrase "water introduced" does not appear in claim 8. Applicant has amended claim 7 to provide proper antecedent basis, namely to change the reference of "water introduced" to "hydrogen peroxide solution introduced."


With the entry of the above amendment, applicant submits that claim 7 is patentable and is in condition for allowance. The Examiner has stated in the Office Action that claims 1-6 and 9-13 are allowed, and claim 8 is also believed to be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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